डालर का लगाया है जबकि वर्ष 1992-93 के लिये यह अनुमानित घाटा 4.921 बिलियन अमरीकी डालर का रहा था । इस प्रकार, इससे पता लगता है कि स्थिति में काफी सुधार हुआ है ।

(घ) व्यापार तो अर्थव्यवस्था के अन्दरूनी और बाहर दोनों कारकों पर निर्भर होता है । विश्व व्यापार में फिर से संभावित मजबूती के आधार पर और सरकार को निर्यात के लिये लाभकारी नीतियों के आधार पर ऐसी आशा है कि आगामी महीनों में हमारे निर्यात में वृद्धि होगी ।

Policies on liberalisation not yielding export growth

824. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's policies of liberalisation and export growth have not worked during the first quarter of the current financial year, if the results of the export and import growth is any sign;

(b) if so, what are the details of the growth export and import during the first quarter of the current financial year and how does it compare with that in the last year during the same period; and

(c) what is Government's reaction to unsatisfied growth on trade front?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of exports and imports during April-May, 1994 the latest period for which such aggregate trade statistics are available, alongwith April-May, 1993, are given below:

	April—May' 1994		April—May' 1993	
	Rs. crores	US$ million	Rs. crores	US $ million
Exports	11898	3793	10832	3459
	*(9.8%)	(9.7%)	(41.4%)	(29.7%)
Imports	12181	3883	10853	3465
	(12.2%)	(12.1%)	(4.6%)	(—4.1%)

*Figures in brackets indicate percentage increases/decreases over the corresponding periods of previous years.

The apprehension that the liberalisation process would drastically increase imports, does not appear to be justified. Due to seasonality, there is general downfall in exports in the months of first quarter of the year. Export growth during April|May, 1994 of 9.7 per cent, however, compared to the high base of 1993-94, is still higher than the long-term trend rate of export growth of 7 to 8 percent. Export promotion is an ongoing exercise; it is a collaborative effort between the Centre and the State and steps are taken to provide an export policy environment in consultation with trade and industry.

STC Negotiating for supply of sugar

825. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: